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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**CAROL COREN and STEWART
SMITH**, individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
CENTER, LLC**, a California limited
liability company,

Defendant.

Case No.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs Carol Coren (“Coren”) and Stewart Smith (“Smith”) (collectively
“Plaintiffs”) bring this Class Action Complaint (“Complaint”) against Defendant
Automotive Service Center, LLC (“ASC” or “Defendant”) to stop ASC’s practice
of placing calls to consumers who are registered on the National Do Not Call

1 Registry, to stop its practice of making unsolicited prerecorded and autodialed
2 telemarketing calls to the cellular telephones of consumers nationwide, and to
3 obtain redress for all persons similarly injured by ASC's conduct. Plaintiffs also
4 seek an award of statutory damages to the members of the Classes, plus court costs
5 and reasonable attorneys' fees. Plaintiffs, for their Complaint, allege as follows
6 upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own acts and experiences, and,
7 as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation
8 conducted by their attorneys.

9 **PARTIES**

10 1. Plaintiff Carol Coren is an individual and a resident of Southampton,
11 Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

12 2. Plaintiff Stewart Smith is an individual and a resident of Willow
13 Grove, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

14 3. Defendant ASC is a California limited liability company with its
15 principal place of business located at 2800 W. Center St., Anderson, California
16 96007.

17 **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

18 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to
19 28 U.S.C. §1331, as the action arises under the Telephone Consumer Protection
20 Act, 47 U.S.C. §227, *et seq.* ("TCPA" or the "Act"), a federal statute. This Court
21 also has subject matter jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §
22 1332 ("CAFA"), because the alleged Class consists of over 100 persons, there is
23 minimal diversity, and the claims of the class members when aggregated together
24 exceeds \$5 million. Further, none of the exceptions to CAFA applies.

25 5. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant and venue is
26 proper in this District because Defendant resides in this District, is headquartered in
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1 this District, regularly conducts business in this District, and a substantial part of the
2 events giving rise to the claims asserted here occurred in this District.

3 **COMMON ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

4 6. ASC solicits consumers, via direct marketing, to purchase its vehicle
5 service contracts.

6 7. All of the calls at issue in this case were made on behalf of, for the
7 benefit of, and with the knowledge and approval of ASC.

8 8. Unfortunately for consumers, ASC, in an attempt to sell more vehicle
9 service contracts, conducted (and continues to conduct) a wide scale telemarketing
10 campaign and repeatedly makes unsolicited telemarketing phone calls to telephones
11 which appear on the National Do Not Call Registry—all without securing prior
12 express consent, and even after consumers ask that the calls stop. Such conduct
13 violates the TCPA and its implementing regulations, 47 C.F.R. §64.1200, *et seq.*,
14 which prohibits companies and persons, such as ASC, from placing multiple,
15 repeated calls to persons who have listed their phone numbers on the national Do
16 Not Call registry.

17 9. ASC also placed autodialed and prerecorded telemarketing calls to
18 consumers nationwide—again, without obtaining consumers prior express written
19 consent. This too violates the TCPA.

20 10. In making the autodialed calls at issue in this Complaint, Defendant
21 and/or its agent utilized an automatic telephone dialing system (“ATDS”).
22 Specifically, the hardware and software used by Defendant and/or its agents has the
23 capacity to store, produce, and dial random or sequential numbers, and/or receive
24 and store lists of telephone numbers, and to dial such numbers, *en masse*, in an
25 automated fashion without human intervention. Defendant’s automated dialing
26 equipment includes features substantially similar to a predictive dialer, inasmuch as
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1 it is capable of making numerous calls simultaneously, without human intervention.

2 11. ASC knowingly made, and continues to make, autodialed and
3 prerecorded telemarketing calls to numbers listed on the Do Not Call Registry
4 without the prior express consent of the recipients. As such, Defendant not only
5 invaded the personal privacy of Plaintiffs and members of the putative Classes, they
6 also intentionally and repeatedly violated the TCPA.

7 12. By making the unauthorized calls at issue in this Complaint, Defendant
8 caused Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes actual harm and cognizable legal
9 injury. This includes the aggravation and nuisance and invasions of privacy that
10 result from the receipt of such calls as well as a loss of value realized for any
11 monies that consumers paid to their carriers for the receipt of such calls.
12 Furthermore, the calls interfered with and interrupted Plaintiffs' and the other class
13 members' use and enjoyment of their phones, including the related data, software,
14 and hardware components. Defendant also injured the Plaintiffs and class members
15 by causing wear and tear on their phones.

16 13. At no time did Defendant obtain prior express consent from Plaintiffs
17 and the class members orally or in writing to receive calls from Defendant.

18 14. Defendant was, and is, aware that calls described herein were made to
19 consumers like Plaintiffs who have not consented to receive them.

20 15. To the extent any third party made the calls, the third party acted on
21 behalf of ASC, at ASC's direction and control, for ASC's knowing benefit, and
22 with ASC's approval. And ASC ratified the making of any such calls.

23 16. On behalf of the Classes, Plaintiffs seek an injunction requiring ASC to
24 cease all unauthorized calling activities to persons registered on the Do Not Call
25 Registry, an injunction requiring ASC to cease all prerecorded voice calls to
26 consumers who have not provided prior express consent, an injunction requiring
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1 ASC to stop placing calls using an ATDS to consumers absent prior express
2 consent, and an award of statutory damages to the class members, together with pre-
3 and post-judgment interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

4 **FACTS SPECIFIC TO PLAINTIFF COREN**

5 17. Plaintiff Coren is the primary and customary user of the cellular
6 telephone number ending in 4094.

7 18. Coren registered the telephone number ending in 4094 on the National
8 Do Not Call Registry on December 8, 2004.

9 19. In or around October 2019, Plaintiff Coren began receiving
10 telemarketing calls from Defendant ASC.

11 20. On October 16, 2019, Coren received a call from ASC from the
12 telephone number 315-979-2263 to her cellphone ending in 4094. The call featured
13 a prerecorded voice message that solicited Coren to purchase ASC's vehicle service
14 contracts.

15 21. On October 18, 2019, Coren received two calls from ASC from the
16 telephone number 210-298-9555 to her cellphone ending in 4094. Upon answering
17 the calls, Coren heard a pause and a click prior to being connected with a live
18 representative, clear evidence of an autodialer. During the calls, ASC again
19 solicited Coren to purchase its vehicle service contracts.

20 22. Coren also received calls from ASC from the telephone number 210-
21 298-9555 on October 21, 2019, October 22, 2019, and October 23, 2019. On each
22 of these calls, Coren also heard a pause and a click prior to being transferred to a
23 representative who solicited her to purchase vehicle service contracts.

24 23. At no time, did Coren ever consent to receive calls from ASC.

25 24. To redress these injuries, Coren, on behalf of herself and the Classes of
26 similarly situated individuals, brings suit under the TCPA, which prohibits
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1 unsolicited prerecorded and autodialed calls to cellular telephones as well as
2 telemarketing calls placed to consumers registered on the National Do Not Call
3 Registry. On behalf of the Classes, Coren seeks an injunction requiring ASC to
4 cease all unauthorized prerecorded and autodialed calling activities, an injunction
5 requiring ASC to cease all unauthorized telemarketing calls placed to consumers on
6 the National Do Not Call Registry, and an award of statutory damages to the class
7 members, together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

8 **FACTS SPECIFIC TO PLAINTIFF SMITH**

9 25. Plaintiff Smith is the primary and customary user of the cellular
10 telephone numbers ending in 6860.

11 26. Smith registered the telephone number ending in 6860 on the National
12 Do Not Call Registry on June 11, 2010.

13 27. Beginning in February 2020, Plaintiff Smith began receiving
14 telemarketing calls from ASC.

15 28. On February 10, 2020, Plaintiff Smith received a call from ASC from
16 the telephone number 267-578-5980 to his cellular telephone number ending in
17 6860. ASC solicited Plaintiff Smith to purchase its vehicle service contracts.

18 29. On February 14, 2020, Smith received another call from ASC from the
19 telephone number 267-578-5980 to his cellular telephone. ASC again solicited
20 Smith to purchase its vehicle service contracts.

21 30. In an effort to identify the caller, Plaintiff Smith permitted ASC to
22 send a follow up email. Shortly thereafter, ASC sent Smith an email soliciting him
23 to purchase its vehicle service contract.

24 31. After answering both calls, Smith heard a pause and a click prior to
25 being connected to a live representative of ASC, a tell tale sign of an ATDS.

26 32. At no time did Smith ever provide any form of consent to receive the
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1 telemarketing calls at issue.

2 33. By making the telephone calls at issue in this Complaint, ASC caused
3 Plaintiff Smith actual harm and cognizable legal injury. This includes the
4 aggravation and nuisance and invasions of privacy that result from the placement
5 and receipt of such unwanted calls, a loss of value realized for the monies
6 consumers paid to his wireless carriers for the receipt of such calls, and the
7 interruption and loss of the use and enjoyment of his telephones, including the
8 related data, software, and hardware components, and wear and tear on such
9 components including the consumption of battery life, among other harms.

10 34. ASC is and was aware that the above-described telephone calls are and
11 were being made to consumers like Smith who had not consented to receive them.

12 35. To redress these injuries, Smith, on behalf of himself and the Classes
13 of similarly situated individuals, brings suit under the TCPA, which prohibits
14 telemarketing calls placed to consumers registered on the National Do Not Call
15 Registry. On behalf of the Classes, Smith seeks an injunction requiring ASC to
16 cease all unauthorized autodialed calling activities and an award of statutory
17 damages to the class members, together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

18 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

19 36. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
20 23(b)(2) and Rule 23(b)(3) on behalf of themselves and three nationwide classes
21 defined as follows:

22 **DNC Registry Class:** All persons in the United States who from four
23 years prior to the filing of the initial complaint in this action to the
24 present: (1) ASC, or a third person acting on behalf of ASC, called more
25 than one time on his/her telephone; (2) within any 12-month period; (3)
26 where the telephone number had been listed on the National Do Not
27 Call Registry for at least thirty days; (4) for the purpose of selling
28 ASC's products and services; and (5) for whom ASC claims it obtained

1 prior express consent in the same manner as ASC claims it supposedly
2 obtained prior express consent to call the Plaintiffs.

3 **Autodialed No Consent Class:** All persons in the United States who
4 (1) from the date four years prior to the filing of this Complaint through
5 the date notice is sent to the class members; (2) ASC (or a third person
6 acting on behalf of ASC) placed at least one call; (3) to the person's
7 cellular telephone number; and (4) for the purpose of promoting ASC's
8 products or services; (5) using the same dialing equipment that was
9 used to place calls to Plaintiff; and (6) for whom ASC claims it obtained
10 prior express consent in the same manner as ASC claims it supposedly
11 obtained prior express consent to call the Plaintiffs.

12 **Prerecorded No Consent Class:** All persons in the United States who
13 (1) from the date four years prior to the filing of this Complaint through
14 the date notice is sent to the class members; (2) ASC (or a third person
15 acting on behalf of ASC) placed at least one call; (3) to the person's
16 cellular telephone number; and (4) for the purpose of promoting ASC's
17 products or services; (5) using an artificial and/or prerecorded voice
18 message; and (6) for whom ASC claims it obtained prior express
19 consent in the same manner as ASC claims it supposedly obtained prior
20 express consent to call the Plaintiff Coren.

21 37. The following people are excluded from the Classes: (1) any Judge or
22 Magistrate presiding over this action and members of their families; (2) Defendant,
23 Defendant's subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which
24 the Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and its current or former
25 employees, officers and directors; (3) persons who properly execute and file a
26 timely request for exclusion from the Classes; (4) persons whose claims in this
27 matter have been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise released; (5)
28 Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel; and (6) the legal representatives,
successors, and assignees of any such excluded persons. Plaintiffs anticipate the
need to amend the class definition following appropriate discovery.

38. **Numerosity:** The exact number of members within each Class is
unknown and not available to Plaintiffs at this time, but it is clear that individual

1 joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, Defendant has placed calls to
2 thousands of consumers who fall into the defined Classes. Members of the Classes
3 can be objectively identified through reference to Defendant's records, consumer
4 phone records, and other evidence to be gained in discovery.

5 39. **Typicality:** Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of other
6 members of the Classes, in that Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes sustained
7 damages arising out of Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct.

8 40. **Adequate Representation:** Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately
9 represent and protect the interests of the Classes, and has retained counsel
10 competent and experienced in complex class actions. Plaintiffs have no interests
11 antagonistic to those of the Classes, and Defendant has no defenses unique to
12 Plaintiffs.

13 41. **Commonality and Predominance:** There are many questions of law
14 and fact common to the claims of Plaintiffs and the Classes, and those questions
15 predominate over any questions that may affect individual members of the Classes.
16 Common questions for the Classes include, but are not necessarily limited to the
17 following:

- 18 (a) Whether Defendant's conduct violated the TCPA;
- 19 (b) Whether ASC systematically made unsolicited telephone calls to
20 consumers using an artificial or pre-recorded voice absent prior
21 express written consent;
- 22 (c) Whether ASC systematically made unsolicited telephone calls to
23 consumers whose telephone numbers were registered with the National
24 Do Not Call Registry;
- 25 (d) Whether ASC systematically made unsolicited telephone calls to
26 consumers using an ATDS absent prior express written consent;
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- 1 (e) Whether any third party made the calls and, if so, whether Defendant is
2 liable for such calls;
- 3 (f) Whether Defendant obtained prior express written consent to contact
4 any class members;
- 5 (g) Whether the Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes are
6 entitled to statutory damages; and
- 7 (h) Whether Defendant acted willfully so as to require an award of treble
8 damages.

9 42. **Superiority:** This case is also appropriate for class certification
10 because class proceedings are superior to all other available methods for the fair and
11 efficient adjudication of this controversy. Joinder of all parties is impracticable, and
12 the damages suffered by the individual members of the Classes will likely be
13 relatively small, especially given the burden and expense of individual prosecution
14 of the complex litigation necessitated by Defendant's actions. Thus, it would be
15 virtually impossible for the individual members of the Classes to obtain effective
16 relief from Defendant's misconduct. Even if class members could sustain such
17 individual litigation, it would still not be preferable to a class action, because
18 individual litigation would increase the delay and expense to all parties due to the
19 complex legal and factual controversies presented in this Complaint. By contrast, a
20 class action presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of
21 single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single
22 court. Economies of time, effort and expense will be fostered and uniformity of
23 decisions ensured.

24 43. **Conduct Similar Towards All Class Members:** By committing the
25 acts set forth in this pleading, Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds
26 substantially similar towards all members of the Classes so as to render certification
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1 of the Classes for final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief
2 appropriate under Rule 23(b)(2).

3 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
4 **Violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq***
5 **(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the DNC Registry Class)**

6 44. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully
7 set forth herein.

8 45. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5) provides that any “person who has received
9 more than one telephone call within any 12-month period by or on behalf of the
10 same entity in violation of the regulations prescribed under this subsection may”
11 bring a private action based on a violation of said regulations, which were
12 promulgated to protect telephone subscribers’ privacy rights to avoid receiving
13 telephone solicitations to which they object.

14 46. The TCPA’s implementing regulation—47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)—
15 provides that “[n]o person or entity shall initiate any telephone solicitation” to “[a]
16 residential telephone subscriber who has registered his or his telephone number on
17 the national do-not-call registry of persons who do not wish to receive telephone
18 solicitations that is maintained by the Federal Government.” *See* 47 C.F.R. §
19 64.1200(c).

20 47. 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(e) provides that 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.1200(c) and (d)
21 “are applicable to any person or entity making telephone solicitations or
22 telemarketing calls to wireless telephone numbers to the extent described in the
23 Commission’s Report and Order, CG Docket No. 02-278, FCC 03-153, ‘Rules and
24 Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991,’” and
25 the Commission’s Report and Order, in turn, provides as follows:

26 The Commission’s rules provide that companies making telephone
27 solicitations to residential telephone subscribers must comply with time
28 of day restrictions and must institute procedures for maintaining do-

1 not-call lists. For the reasons described above, we conclude that these
2 rules apply to calls made to wireless telephone numbers. We believe
3 that wireless subscribers should be afforded the same protections as
4 wireline subscribers.

5 48. 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) further provides that “[n]o person or entity
6 shall initiate any call for telemarketing purposes to a residential telephone
7 subscriber unless such person or entity has instituted procedures for maintaining a
8 list of persons who request not to receive telemarketing calls made by or on behalf
9 of that person or entity. The procedures instituted must meet the following
10 minimum standards:

11 (1) Written policy. Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing
12 purposes must have a written policy, available upon demand, for
13 maintaining a do-not-call list.

14 (2) Training of personnel engaged in telemarketing. Personnel engaged
15 in any aspect of telemarketing must be informed and trained in the
16 existence and use of the do-not-call list.

17 (3) Recording, disclosure of do-not-call requests. If a person or entity
18 making a call for telemarketing purposes (or on whose behalf such a
19 call is made) receives a request from a residential telephone subscriber
20 not to receive calls from that person or entity, the person or entity must
21 record the request and place the subscriber’s name, if provided, and
22 telephone number on the do-not-call list at the time the request is made.
Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing purposes (or on
whose behalf such calls are made) must honor a residential subscriber’s
do-not-call request within a reasonable time from the date such request
is made. This period may not exceed thirty days from the date of such
request

23 (4) Identification of sellers and telemarketers. A person or entity
24 making a call for telemarketing purposes must provide the called party
25 with the name of the individual caller, the name of the person or entity
26 on whose behalf the call is being made, and a telephone number or
27 address at which the person or entity may be contacted. The telephone
28 number provided may not be a 900 number or any other number for

1 which charges exceed local or long distance transmission charges.

2 (5) Affiliated persons or entities. In the absence of a specific request by
3 the subscriber to the contrary, a residential subscriber's do-not-call
4 request shall apply to the particular business entity making the call (or
5 on whose behalf a call is made), and will not apply to affiliated entities
6 unless the consumer reasonably would expect them to be included
7 given the identification of the caller and the product being advertised.

7 (6) Maintenance of do-not-call lists. A person or entity making calls for
8 telemarketing purposes must maintain a record of a consumer's request
9 not to receive further telemarketing calls. A do-not-call request must be
10 honored for 5 years from the time the request is made."

11 49. ASC and/or its agent made more than one unsolicited telemarketing
12 call to Plaintiffs and the other members of the DNC Registry Class within a 12-
13 month period without having prior written express consent to place such calls.

14 50. Each such call was directed to a telephone number that had been
15 registered with the National Do Not Call Registry for at least 30 days.

16 51. Plaintiffs and the other members of the DNC Registry Class did not
17 provide consent to receive such telemarketing calls from ASC or its agents.

18 52. Neither ASC nor its agents have any record of consent to place such
19 telemarketing calls to Plaintiffs or the other members of the DNC Registry Class.

20 53. ASC violated 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.1200(d) and (e) by causing calls to be
21 initiated for telemarketing purposes to wireless telephone subscribers, such as
22 Plaintiffs and the members of the DNC Registry Class, without instituting
23 procedures that comply with the regulatory minimum standards for maintaining a
24 do not call policy and a list of persons who request not to receive telemarketing
25 calls.

26 54. ASC violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5) with respect to Plaintiffs and the
27 members of the DNC Registry Class because Plaintiffs and the members of the
28 DNC Registry Class received more than one telephone call in a 12-month period

1 made by or on behalf of ASC in violation of 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200, as described
2 above.

3 55. Additionally, on information and belief, ASC fails to have a written do
4 not call policy that is available on request. On further information and belief, ASC
5 fails to train its employees and personnel involved in telemarketing in the existence
6 and use of its do not call policy or do not call list.

7 56. As a result of ASC's conduct as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the
8 members of the DNC Registry Class suffered actual damages and, under section 47
9 U.S.C. § 227(c), are each entitled to, *inter alia*, receive at least \$500 in damages for
10 each such violation of 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

11 57. To the extent ASC's misconduct is determined to have been willful
12 and knowing, the Court should, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5), treble the
13 amount of statutory damages recoverable by Plaintiffs and the members of the DNC
14 Registry Class.

15 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
16 **Violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq***
17 **(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Autodialed No Consent Class)**

18 58. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully
19 set forth herein.

20 59. ASC (or a third person acting on behalf of ASC) made unsolicited and
21 unwanted autodialed telemarketing calls to cellular telephone numbers belonging to
22 Plaintiffs and the other members of the Autodialed No Consent Class, without their
23 prior express written consent in an effort to generate leads for Defendant's vehicle
24 service contracts.

25 60. Defendant failed to obtain any prior express written consent that
26 included, as required by 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(f)(8)(i), a "clear and conspicuous"
27 disclosure informing the person signing that:
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(A) By executing the agreement, such person authorizes the seller to deliver or cause to be delivered to the signatory telemarketing calls using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice; and

(B) The person is not required to sign the agreement (directly or indirectly), or agree to enter into such an agreement as a condition of purchasing any property, goods, or services.

61. Further, Defendant placed the calls using equipment that, upon information and belief, had the capacity to store or produce telephone numbers to be called, using a random or sequential number generator, and/or receive and store lists of phone numbers, and to dial such numbers, *en masse*, without human intervention.

62. The telephone dialing equipment utilized by Defendant (or a third person acting on behalf of Defendant), which is substantially similar to a predictive dialer, dialed numbers from a list, or dialed numbers from a database of telephone numbers, in an automatic and systematic manner.

63. Based on such conduct, Defendant has violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

64. As a result of such conduct, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Autodialed No Consent Class are each entitled to, under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B), a minimum of \$500.00 in damages for each violation of such act.

65. In the event that the Court determines that Defendant's conduct was willful and knowing, it may, under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C), treble the amount of statutory damages recoverable by Plaintiffs and the other members of the Autodialed No Consent Class.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
Violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq*
(On Behalf of Plaintiff Coren and the Prerecorded No Consent Class)

1 66. Plaintiff Coren incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if
2 fully set forth herein.

3 67. ASC made or caused to be made calls to Coren's and the other
4 Prerecorded No Consent class members' telephones, which solicited consumers to
5 purchase its vehicle service contracts.

6 68. Under the TCPA, it is unlawful to initiate any telephone call to a
7 cellular telephone using an artificial or prerecorded voice absent a consumer's prior
8 express consent. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

9 69. By making unsolicited telephone calls to Plaintiff Coren's and
10 members of the Prerecorded No Consent Class's cellular telephones using an
11 artificial or pre-recorded voice without first obtaining prior express consent, ASC
12 violated the TCPA.

13 70. ASC is liable for the calls. The calls were made by or on behalf of
14 ASC, at the direction of ASC, by employees or agents of ASC, and with ASC's
15 substantial oversight and control.

16 71. ASC knew about the calls, directed the making of the calls, ratified the
17 calls by approving them and/or knowingly receiving the benefits from them, and
18 otherwise benefitted from the calls.

19 72. ASC violated the TCPA by making calls featuring an artificial and/or
20 prerecorded voice to Coren's and other class members' phones.

21 73. The calls were for telemarketing purposes, specifically to apprise
22 Coren and others of the availability of ASC's vehicle service contracts.

23 74. Neither Coren nor any other consumer ever provided prior express
24 written or oral consent under the TCPA to be called by or on behalf of ASC.

25 75. No written consent containing required disclosures under 47 C.F.R. §
26 64.1200, *et seq.* was ever obtained.

76. As a result of ASC's unlawful conduct, Coren and the other members of the Prerecorded No Consent Class suffered actual damages and, under section 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3), Coren and each member of the Prerecorded No Consent Class are each entitled to receive up to \$500 in damages for each violation.

77. Should the Court determine that ASC's conduct was willful and knowing, the Court may, pursuant to Section 227(b)(3), treble the amount of statutory damages recoverable by Plaintiff Coren and the other members of the Prerecorded No Consent Class.

78. Coren and the class members are also entitled to injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief as necessary to prevent their future receipt of ASC's unlawful calls.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes, pray for the following relief:

- A. An order certifying this case as a class action on behalf of the Classes as defined above; appointing Plaintiffs as the representative of the Classes and appointing their attorneys as Class Counsel;
- B. An award of actual monetary loss from such violations or the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation, whichever is greater, to be trebled where the violations were knowingly or willfully, all to be paid into a common fund for the benefit of the Plaintiffs and the Class Members;
- C. An order declaring Defendant's telephone calls, as set out above, violate the TCPA;
- D. An injunction requiring ASC to stop placing calls featuring an artificial and/or prerecorded voice to consumers absent prior express written

consent;

E. An injunction requiring ASC to stop placing calls using an ATDS to consumers absent prior express written consent;

F. An injunction requiring ASC to stop placing calls to consumer registered on the National Do Not Call Registry absent prior express consent;

G. An award of pre-judgment interest;

H. An award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to be paid out of the common fund prayed for above; and

I. Such further and other relief the Court deems reasonable and just.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs request a trial by jury of all claims that can be so tried.

Dated: October 06, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL COREN and STEWART SMITH,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

By: s/ Rebecca L. Davis

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